SUMMER COMMENCEMENT 1973

LSUNO

Friday, August 10, 1973 at 7:30 p.m.

LSUNO Health and Physical Education Center

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES have a long history as the most formal and ritualistic part of the academic year. Universities as we know them began in Europe during the Middle Ages, and much of the costume and formality of the commencement reflects these distant days.

Like the military of medieval times, with their pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are undergraduates, bachelors, and masters (or doctors). The difference between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Academic dress in the United States is based on that worn in England in late medieval and early renaissance times and retained at Oxford and Cambridge without much change ever since. However, here in America a fairly standardized heraldry or color code has been agreed upon.

As might be expected, doctors, who outrank the rest, turn out to be the most colorful people in any academic procession. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood, worn around the neck and down the back. This is edged with velvet of a color which indicates the degree he has received, and lined with silk of the colors of the degree granting institution. Thus the master's hood from LSUNO is black lined in silver and blue and edged in white velvet for Arts, light blue for Education, golden yellow for Science, and olive drab for Business Administration.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood, and in addition have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and front of the gown itself. Thus a Doctor of Philosophy will have a dark blue velvet-edged gown and hood, and a gold tassel on his mortar-board cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes; for instance Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black. Part of the reason for distinctive costume in earlier times was that proper deference could more readily be paid to dignitaries by the remainder of the academic community.

LSUNO's first commencement was held in a tent erected near the Liberal Arts Building. On that day, some four years after LSUNO opened, 115 bachelor's degrees were conferred. For the next six years LSUNO held its commencement at the Municipal Auditorium. In 1969 the commencement returned to the campus, being held in the newly-constructed Health and Physical Education Center, the first suitable facility to accommodate so large a gathering. A winter commencement was added in 1970 to accommodate the increasing number of graduates of Louisiana's second largest institution of higher education and in 1972 LSUNO held its first summer commencement.

LSUNO awarded its first master's degrees to six graduate students in 1965 and its first Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1968. To date, 6,377 bachelor's degrees, 1,004 master's degrees, and 38 Doctor of Philosophy degrees have been awarded by LSUNO.

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SUMMER COMMENCEMENT 1973

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS

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LSUNO Concert Band, Milton L. Bush, *Director*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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The Rev. Thomas C. Dowling, *Chaplain*
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